Bethel: Airport Parallel Runway and Other Improvements FY2008 Request: \$3,000,000 Reference No: 38409

AP/AL: Allocation Project Type: Construction

Category: Transportation

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

Appropriation: Airport Improvement Program

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Construct parallel taxiway for runway 11/29, expand terminal apron, relocate access road, construct helipad, install wind cones, and resurface crosswind runway 18/36. This project is associated with, but separate from the Runway Safety Area improvement project. This project contributes to the Department's Mission by reducing injuries, fatalities and property damage, by improving the mobility of people and goods and by increasing private investment.

Funding:	FY20	•	2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total	
Fed Rcpts	\$3,000,00	00						\$3,000,000	
Total:	\$3,000,00	00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	
✓ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project			Project	Phased - new			erway 🔲 Oı	☐ On-Going	
5% = Minimum State Match % Required				☐ Amendment		■ Mental Health	Bill		
Operating & Maintenance Costs:						Amou	<u>unt</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
Project Development:						0	0		
Ongoing Operating:						0	0		
One-Time Startup:						0			
					Totals:	_	0	0	

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

FY2005 Supplemental - \$16,000,000; FY2005 - \$9,950,000; FY2004 - \$6,600,000.

Project Description/Justification:

The Bethel Airport is the fourth busiest airport in Alaska and is only exceeded by Anchorage International for the number of small and commuter enplanements. Since the implementation of CAPSTONE, increasing numbers of small and medium aircraft are using ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcase) as an Federal Aviation Administration certified and operationally approved source for radar-like ATC services while under visual flight rules (VFR) and instrument flight rules (IFR). Cargo aircraft operations at Bethel add to the difficulty because they are also operating on IFR flight plans and need the full length of runway. This expansion of IFR landings presents significant new challenges for aircraft safety. A new parallel Runway 18L/36R is recommended in the Bethel Airport Development Re-evaluation. The parallel runway is needed to improve airport safety and capacity. This project is needed in order to address the conflicts between VFR aircraft, airfield maintenance operations, large jet traffic and the increasing number of CAPSTONE equipped IFR aircraft.